

South Mountain High School's mission is "to create a community of learners." I am proud to say that SMHS has more than accomplished this mission and continues to produce tomorrow's leaders who proudly represent the home of the Jaguars.

Mr. Speaker, as you can surmise, South Mountain is a landmark in Phoenix with a successful past and a promising future that has served the needs of its diverse, dynamic and growing community. It has improved student achievement as well as effectively used human and fiscal resources. It continues to raise academic achievement and serves as a model high school for the nation. Therefore, I am pleased to pay tribute to South Mountain High School in Phoenix, Arizona, and I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating the student body, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni.

#### TRIBUTE TO HAZARD BULLDOGS BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players and coaches of the 2004 Hazard Bulldogs basketball team.

On February 8, 2004, the Hazard High School Bulldogs defeated Bishop Brossart High School by a score of 43–38 to win the Kentucky All "A" State Tournament. Under the leadership of Coach Kevin Spurlock, the Bulldogs finished the season with a record of 20–4. This is a remarkable accomplishment that merits recognition.

With 49 years since their last championship title, the Bulldogs' recent victory has been a long time in coming, and one that was attained through hard work and determination. During the entire championship game the Bulldogs fought ferociously, tying at the half and gaining a four-point lead after the third quarter. Smart, calculated plays during the final minutes pushed the Bulldogs over Bishop Brossart and secured a safe five-point win.

In Kentucky, basketball is something of an institution. It embodies a tremendous spirit of teamwork and dedication, and the Bulldogs have shown that they possess both characteristics. The Bluegrass State is widely known for producing great basketball teams, and the Hazard Bulldogs are no exception. Winning the state tournament marks a tremendous milestone in their journey for excellence, and I am proud of their accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Bulldogs for their tremendous success, not only in tournament play but also throughout the entire season. Through their hard work, determination, and skill they have made Eastern Kentucky very proud. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Hazard High School, Coach Kevin Spurlock, all of the assistant coaches, and each and every talented player on the 2004 Championship Bulldog team: Hank Gabbard, Stephen Sizemore, Parker Carter, Eric Mullins, Robert Lyttle, J.J. Hously, Lamar Williams, Jon Francis, Chase Patrick, Durell Olinger, Justin Wallace, Chuckie Osteen, Jon Walker, Tyler Bailey, and Justin Hicks.

#### REMEMBERING MELINDA MONTGOMERY STRONG

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2004*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, Dr. Barbara Montgomery, noted educator, world traveler and lecturer, and leader in the local, State, and national Democratic Party, suffered the loss of her second child, Melinda Montgomery Strong. Melinda passed away in Watsonville, California on February 4th. Melinda's twin, Melody Montgomery Law, and her father, James Kenneth Montgomery, predeceased her.

As a special tribute, and following a traditional Indian farewell, Chief Tecumseh of the Shawnee Nation was quoted at Melinda's final rites. It is a beautiful and appropriate guideline for all of us—and especially for the beautiful Melinda Montgomery Strong:

So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none. When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.

As a longtime friend and admirer of Dr. Montgomery, I ask that Congress adjourn today in memory of this beautiful life—and that we collectively send our condolences and our prayers to Dr. Barbara Montgomery.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF MRS. FANNIE BELLE CALLAHAN

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory.

Fannie Belle Callahan was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend to the Mobile community throughout her entire life. At the time of her passing on March 15, 2004, she had devoted 94 years to the care of her children, her family, and her city.

Raised with her three siblings in the small community of Crichton, Alabama, Mrs. Callahan was required at an early age to go to work to help support her family following the death of her father. By the age of 17, she had already worked as a telephone operator, a cashier at Mobile's Saenger Theater, and a night clerk at the Battle House Hotel. Following her marriage to Herbert Callahan, she moved to East St. Louis, Illinois, but returned to Mobile 3 years later when he obtained a job with the GM&O Railroad.

Widowed at the time of her husband's death in 1950, Mrs. Callahan was once again re-

quired to go to work to support her large family of nine children. Although she retired in 1965 after many years of employment with the Mobile District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, she was not one to sit idly by and watch life go on in the world around her. She became actively involved in the political campaigns of her sons Sonny and George, and following Sonny's election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984 volunteered her time as the receptionist in his Mobile district office. Mrs. Callahan quickly became the center of her son's office "family," and for the remainder of her life was always referred to affectionately as "Mom Callahan."

Throughout her 94 years, Fannie Belle Callahan taught many valuable lessons to her family and friends, and everyone who came in contact with her took away very fond memories of a charming southern lady who could make anyone to whom she was speaking feel they were the most important person at that time. In an article which appeared in the Mobile Register in 2000, Mrs. Callahan reflected on her long and rewarding life and spoke about how her years of hard work were rewarded with the successes her children enjoyed.

Many of her children were also interviewed and offered their perspectives on the lessons they had learned from the matriarch of a family made up of 94 men, women, and children. Perhaps her son, former Rep. Sonny Callahan, best summed up her long life and what she passed on to her children when he said, "She taught us responsibility. With nine kids, there had to be some degree of responsibility. She taught us to respect people and work hard."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a lovely woman who deeply loved, encouraged, and respected her many family and friends and the entire Mobile community. "Mom Callahan" will be deeply missed by her family—her sons, Sonny Callahan, George Callahan, Charles Callahan, and Terrance Callahan; her daughters, Patsy Dempster, Madeline Martin, Margaret Ann Athey, Mary Jane Emick, and Rose Callahan; and her 32 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

#### CONGRATULATING MS. PAULINE MORGAN AND MS. VANESSA DATES

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, is my distinguished honor and privilege to congratulate two residents of Northwest Indiana who have committed their careers to serving the United Steelworkers of America (USWA). Combined, Ms. Pauline Morgan and Ms. Vanessa Dates served the hard-working men and women of Northwest Indiana for over 71 years. Their efforts will be celebrated at a retirement reception on Friday, April 2, 2004.

Pauline Morgan began her career November 1, 1963, as a secretary in the District 31 office in East Chicago, Indiana. In 1973, she